

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An image capturing apparatus (16) with an image capturing unit (1) and an image fitting surface (31), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the optical axis (6) of the image capturing unit (1) is disposed at an angle  $\alpha$  to a normal (7) of the image fitting surface (31) in a region in which the optical axis (5) meets the image fitting surface (31) and in which the normal (7) traverses the image fitting surface (31).

Claim 2 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the angle  $\alpha$  is more than  $2^\circ$ , preferably more than  $5^\circ$ .

Claim 3 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 1 or 2,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the angle  $\alpha$  is less than  $50^\circ$  or less than  $35^\circ$ , preferably less than  $30^\circ$ .

Claim 4 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 1 through 3~~, **characterized in that claim 1, wherein** the image capturing unit (1) comprises an angle of sight  $\beta$  of less than  $30^\circ$ , preferably of less than  $15^\circ$ .

Claim 5 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 1 through 4~~, **characterized in that claim 1, wherein** the image capturing unit (1) comprises a focal length that is more than double, preferably more than four times, the size of the maximum diagonal of an image capturing sensor of the image capturing unit (1).

Claim 6 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 1 through 5~~, **characterized in that claim 1, wherein** the angle  $\alpha$  is at least half the size of the angle of sight  $\beta$  of the image capturing unit (1), preferably at least the same size as the angle of sight  $\beta$  of the image capturing unit (1).

Claim 7 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 1 through 6~~, **characterized in that claim 1, wherein** an optical device (33) is disposed

between the image capturing unit (1) and the image fitting surface (31).

Claim 8 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 1 through 7,~~ **characterized by claim 1, comprising** a lighting device (39).

Claim 9 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the lighting device (39) comprises light-emitting diodes (40) as the light-emitting means.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the light-emitting means are disposed in immediate proximity to the image capturing unit (1).

Claim 11 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 8 through 10,~~ **characterized in that claim 8, wherein** the lighting device (39) comprises colored light-emitting means, preferably colored light-emitting diodes (14).

Claim 12 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 1 through 11,~~  
~~characterized by~~ claim 1, comprising at least one optical screen (12) that is disposed outside of a light path (4) of the image capturing unit (1).

Claim 13 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the optical screen (12) is disposed between the image fitting surface (31) and the image capturing unit (1) and/or a lighting device (39).

Claim 14 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 12 or 13,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 12, wherein the optical screen (12) comprises a light-absorbing surface (13) and ~~that~~ the light-absorbing surface is turned toward the image fitting surface (31).

Claim 15 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 1 through 14,~~  
~~characterized by~~ claim 1, comprising a housing (17) portions of which comprise a translucent material.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the translucent material is a reflection-reducing material, preferably an anti-reflection glass.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 1 through 16,~~ ~~characterized by~~ claim 1, comprising a positioning device (20).

Claim 18 (currently amended): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the positioning device (20) comprises a protection means, preferably a padding, that protects an object placed on the positioning device (20) from damage and that moreover shields, together with the object, the image capturing unit (1) from ambient light (28).

Claim 19 (currently amended): A method of capturing an image shown in a display (2; 26), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an image capturing unit (1) is held obliquely relative to the display (2; 26).

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method as set forth in claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the display (2; 26) is substantially placed onto an image fitting surface (31).

Claim 21 (currently amended): The method as set forth in ~~any of the claims 19 or 20, characterized in that~~ claim 29, wherein the display (2; 26) is illuminated during image capturing by light having a wavelength of between 450 nm, preferably between 500 nm and 600 nm, preferably of 550 nm.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The method as set forth in ~~any of the claims 19 through 21, characterized in that~~ claim 19, wherein the display (2; 26) is lit by light beams of a lighting device (39) and ~~that~~ the light beams travel substantially along a light path (4) of the image capturing unit (1).

Claim 23 (currently amended): An arrangement (10; 14) consisting of an image capturing unit (1) and of a display (2; 26), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the optical axis (6) of the image capturing unit (1) is disposed at an angle  $\alpha$  to the normal (7) of the display (2; 26).

Claim 24 (currently amended): Use of an image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 1 through 18~~ claim 1 and/or use of an arrangement (10; 14) ~~as set forth in~~ ~~claim 23~~ for capturing an image from a display (2), more specifically from an LC-display (26) or from a specular reflecting surface (11).

Claim 25 (currently amended): Use of an image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 1 through 18~~ claim 1 and/or use of an arrangement (10; 14) ~~as set forth in claim 23~~ for capturing an image from a surface that is covered by at least one transparent layer (32).

Claim 26 (currently amended): Use of an image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in ~~any of the claims 1 through 18~~ claim 1 and/or use of an arrangement (10; 14) ~~as set forth in claim 23~~ for reading an optical code (25) that is preferably displayed on a display (2; 26) or on a specular reflecting surface (11).